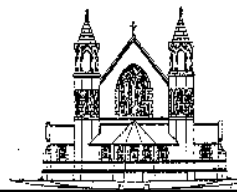


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**33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 19TH 2023**



**World Day of The Poor**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**, is designated as a day of prayer for the poor.

"A great river of poverty is traversing our cities and swelling to the point of overflowing." Every Christian is called to become "personally involved" in the struggle against it. *Pope Francis (2023) World Day of the Poor Message. (Copies of message available at church door)*

**A Prayer to the Creator**

Lord, Father of our human dignity,  
you created all human beings equal in dignity:  
Pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit  
and inspire in us a dream of renewed  
encounter,  
dialogue, justice and peace.  
Move us to create healthier societies  
and a more dignified world.

A world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.

May our hearts be open  
to all the peoples and nations of the earth.  
May we recognise the goodness and beauty  
that you have sown in each of us,  
and thus forge bonds of unity, common  
projects  
and shared dreams. Amen.

*(Pope Francis encyclical letter Fratelli Tutti)*



**FORMATION OF PARISH LITURGY MINISTERS**

**Ministry of Lector (Reader):**

**Sunday 19 November 4-5pm**, in the church,  
followed by wine & cheese.

Are you interested in joining this ministry?  
Why not come along and enquire?

**RITE 2 RECONCILIATION FOR  
ADVENT. 7 PM HERE ON SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 10th**

Predictions of the end of the world seem to occur with remarkable frequency. So far they have proved false. What is striking is that they are almost always fuelled by fear and the threat of doom. Christians have been living for over two thousand years in expectation of the end times, and still do. Sometimes this expectation has been shot through with anxiety, even terror, but this is an aberration. The only authentic Christian stance is one of hope.

**32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** *Christ, The Head Of His Household*

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

**Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31** A perfect wife — who can find her?

**Psalms 128: Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

**1Thessalonians 5:1-6** Let not the day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.

**Matthew 25:14-30** You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's joy.

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING** *19 Nov Christ The King*

**Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17** As for you, my sheep, I will judge between sheep and sheep.

**Psalms 23: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**1Corinthians 15:20-26,28** He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father;

**Matthew 25:31-46** He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate people one from another .

<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat 18 November</b>	<b>Sun 19 November</b>	<b>Praying through the week</b> <b>Mondays</b> Rosary 6pm Meditation 6.30 <b>Tuesdays</b> Choir Practice 7pm <b>Wednesdays</b> 7pm Scripture Group, reflecting on next week's Readings.
<b>Welcome:</b>	Kath Petrie	Greg Shanahan	
<b>Readers:</b>	Steve Burke Damian Wallis	Mary Lyttleton Gerard Dobbs	
<b>Communion:</b>	Mila Burke	Iain Gillies	
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat 25 November</b>	<b>Sun 26 November</b>	<b>The seventh <a href="#">National March for Life</a> will take place on Saturday 2 December, in Wellington to promote the beauty and dignity of human life from conception. Leaflets at back of church.</b>
<b>Welcome:</b>	Natalie Paine	Kath Petrie	
<b>Readers:</b>	Nicky Witham-Blackwell Robert Mannion	John Knight Vanessa Baldey	
<b>Communion:</b>	Lisa Mannion	Kate Casey	

*Let us remember those whose whom we remember in this month of All Souls, for those who have died recently or whose anniversaries occur at this time:*

**Nov 20:** Percy Withers 1961, Peter Casey 1976, Ada Calvert 1988  
**Nov 21:** Margaret Koefoed 1918. Frances Sosich 1995  
**Nov 22:** Elizabeth Graham 1959, Dervan Goldwater 1979, Rae O'Brien 2008  
**Nov 23:** Elizabeth Robinson 1934, Marion Newcombe 2003  
**Nov 24:** William Walters 1936  
**Nov 25:** Margaret Wren 1938, Peter Westbrooke 2008  
**Nov 26:** Martin Conway 1954

**Small Fundraiser for operational costs of care home for 6 poor, elderly residents in Fort Portal, Uganda:** after both Masses on weekend of Sat & Sun 2 & 3 December (weather permitting). We are selling fig trees, avocados, jam, cupcakes, Christmas and general cards, a pink baby quilt and a raffle with 4 prizes, to be drawn 7 December.



**Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship North Shore**  
**7.30pm on Wed 29 Nov 23** at St Joseph's Centre, Fred Thomas Drive Takapuna. A celebratory gathering for all men together with their wives/partners for a shared meal and fellowship. Please bring a plate. Refreshments will be available. You may bring a friend. For more info: **Russell 022 034 5678.**

## FROM THE DIOCESE

**\* Witnesses of Faith Event – Thursday, 30 November, 7 – 9 pm. Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, Auckland.**

The Pontifical Foundation, *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) invites you to a unique and inspirational event in support of the suffering and persecuted Church. As part of the “Witnesses of Faith Tour” across Australia and New Zealand, we will hear from 3 international guest speakers (including the Melkite Catholic Patriarch His Beatitude Joseph Absi from Syria) who will share their own personal testimonies of faith in the face of religious persecution. The evening will include a time to raise our hearts in prayer and solidarity with the more than 200,000,000 Christians globally, who today suffer for their faith. A light supper will be served afterwards where you can meet the speakers. **More info and to register** : [www.aidtochurch.org/witnesses](http://www.aidtochurch.org/witnesses) or email [info@aidtochurch.org](mailto:info@aidtochurch.org)

**Gaudete: Advent & Christmas Carols 3pm - 5pm Saturday, 25th November 2023** *Sir Woolf Fisher Arena (770 Great South Road, Manukau 2104) For All Ages | Donation / Entry by Koha | Free Parking Available* Come and enjoy great singing at this diocesan party.

Caring Foundation Christmas Appeal. For more information Contact: (09) 360 3061 | [liturgycentre@cda.org.nz](mailto:liturgycentre@cda.org.nz)

## The Parish Property and Finance

**Committee** met this week. They would like to acknowledge the work done over many years by Liz McMaster, who has resigned as Chair due to ill health. Thank you, Liz. More people are needed both on the Property and the Finance sides of this Committee. Contact AlanLight, Acting Chair [aelight@xtra.co.nz](mailto:aelight@xtra.co.nz) or 021 1589306

## News from St Leo's.

Nga mihi nui kia koutou and a warm St Leo's greeting to you all

**ST LEO'S FAIR 26 November 11-3pm**

**We are very busy getting ready for our main fundraiser event of the year, and encourage parishioners to come over after Mass next Sunday to see the results—food, games, books, white elephant, home baking, preserves and more!!!! Join in the fun.**

## School Athletics

This week St Leo's took part in their school athletics. This was an excellent opportunity for the senior students to trial out for the upcoming Peninsula athletics. The tamariki had an amazing time taking part in running



races, long jump, frisbee throw and softball throw. The parents and teachers even had a go at the 100m race. Well done Anna Rumble!

God Bless. Vimi Chandra, Principal

## Koru Brass: New Beginnings

Penonby Baptist Church 43 Jervois Road  
Sunday 19 Nov. 4-5 pm. Adults \$20 Student/  
Concession \$10, Children free.

Come along, unwind and support some of our parishioners who are performing.



## **Feast Days in the Thirty-third Week of Ordinary Time**

- **Tue 21 Nov:** Memorial for **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This celebration commemorates the presentation of the child Mary, in the Temple of Jerusalem, when she was three. The feast was first kept in the 8th century. It symbolizes the consecration of her life to the Lord.
- **Wed 22 Nov:** Memorial for **St Cecilia, virgin and martyr**. A martyr of the second or third century. She is thought to have converted her husband and his brother to Christianity, and they were martyred before her. Patron saint of musicians.
- **Thurs 23 Nov:** Optional for **St Columban, abbot**. Born Ireland mid-6th century, Columban went with a group of monks to Gaul, where he established monasteries whose rule was particularly austere. Many were attracted to this way of life, but conflict with the local Church in Gaul arose and he had to leave there. He settled in Northern Italy at Bobbio, where the house he established became a centre of learning. He died there in 615.
- **Fri 24 Nov:** Memorial for **St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, martyrs**. Through the missionary efforts of various religious families, beginning in the 16th C until 1866, the Vietnamese people heard the message of the gospel, and many accepted it despite persecution and even death. In 1988 Pope John Paul II canonised 117 persons martyred in the 18th century.
- **Sat 25 Nov:** Memorial for **St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr**. Patron of philosophers and preachers due to her persuasive talent for conversion. Born of a noble family, converted to Christianity through a vision. She denounced Maxentius for persecuting Christians; he had 50 of her converts burned to death and herself imprisoned, where she converted Maxentius' wife & 200 of his soldiers, all of whom were killed when he found out. Catherine herself was eventually killed on a spiked wheel. Catherine's was one of the voices heard by St Joan of Arc.

**Kidz Korner:** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/ThirtyThird-SUNDAYof-OT.pdf>

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**Pastoral Assistant:** Stephen Bell

**Parish Secretary:** Kathleen Petrie

**Parish Bank Account:** **BNZ 02-0108- 0706881-000**

(If making a donation for a specific purpose, please note that as reference e.g. Winetasting)

**St Leo's Catholic School:** (09) 445-9339 [www.stleos.school.nz](http://www.stleos.school.nz)

**St Leo's Catholic School Principal:** Vimi Chandra

**Bishop's Reps:** Clare Wilde, Steven Albrecht, Anna Rumble

**Parish Office Hours:** Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9:00am to 12 noon  
closed Wednesdays

**Parish Newsletter:** (*Publication Deadline 9am THURS.*)

**Masses next weekend**

Sat : 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am

**Masses during the week**

Wednesday and Friday 12 noon, Saturday 9 am.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** after Mass on Saturday

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## **Ministry Reminders**

### **Flowers**

17/11 Margaret Pereira

24/11 Anne Gibson

### **Church Cleaning**

11/11 Dobbs Family

25/11 Christopher Drake

### **Counters**

19/11 Kate Kearins & John Knight

26/11 Maria & Jeremy Fleming

### **Hospitality**

19/11 Karen Rawlinson

26/11 Shelley

### **Altar Servers**

19/11 Leo Radford

26/11 Ben & Rosemary Dobbs

### **Children's Liturgy Leaders**

19/11 Steven Albrecht & Claire Gillies

26/11 Catherine & Isla Gillies